



City of Miami Beach Tourism & Travel Scholarship Program

Application Eligibility

Eligibility criteria:

- ◆ High school diploma or equivalent
- ◆ City of Miami Beach resident **or** graduate of Miami Beach Senior High School
- ◆ United States resident, citizen, or visiting student with valid student visa for college admission
- ◆ Enrollment in post-secondary education institution
- ◆ Interest expressed in the food and hospitality industry (as demonstrated by coursework and extracurricular activities)
- ◆ Minimum 2.5 Grade Point Average (unweighted)
- ◆ Scholarship Application completed accurately
- ◆ Two letters of recommendation
- ◆ Certified copy of school transcript or Credit History form
- ◆ Resume
- ◆ Interview by Selection Committee, if selected by Selection Committee
- ◆ If selected to receive scholarship from Centerplate, recipient can choose to complete a paid internship/mentorship with Centerplate within one year of receipt of scholarship.

The following criteria will be evaluated and weighted in the selection process but will not restrict applicants meeting the criteria above:

- ◆ Applicant ethnicity
- ◆ Economic need
- ◆ Community service or civic involvement
- ◆ Internship and/or work experience within the food and hospitality industry
- ◆ Secondary school enrollment

Scholarship Awards

Scholarships will be awarded based on merit and available funds.
Scholarship disbursement is at the discretion of the scholarship funders.

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Application Submission

Eligible applicants **must** submit the following:

- 1) Application accurately completed
- 2) Certified copy of school transcript or Credit History form
- 3) Copy of lease, utility bill or other acceptable documentation establishing City of Miami Beach residency
- 4) Copy of birth certificate, Social Security Card, Resident Alien Card, or valid student visa
- 5) Two letters of recommendation
- 6) Resume
- 7) Proof of acceptance or enrollment in post-secondary education institution
- 8) Additional support material representing community service, internship experience or civic involvement

Completed applications and support material must be submitted by Friday, April 14, 2006:

City of Miami Beach Office of Community Services
C/o City of Miami Beach Travel & Tourism Scholarship Program
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Hand deliveries to:
City of Miami Beach Office of Community Services
C/o City of Miami Beach Travel & Tourism Scholarship Program
555 17th Street
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Applications available online at www.miamibeachfl.gov or via request at mariarui@miamibeachfl.gov

Selection Process

Eligible applications will follow this selection process:

- 1) Applications will be screened for eligibility as defined in the eligibility criteria.
- 2) Eligible applications will be screened and weighted for the following criteria:
 - ◆ Applicant ethnicity
 - ◆ Economic need
 - ◆ Community service or civic involvement
 - ◆ Internship experience within the food and hospitality industry
 - ◆ Secondary school enrollment
- 3) Applicants receiving the highest numerical evaluation based on the weighted criteria may be scheduled for a personal interview before the Selection Committee.
- 3) Applicants appearing before the Selection Committee will receive a numerical score for their performance before the Committee.
- 4) The combined numerical scores from the Grant Application and personal interviews will establish the ranking for scholarships awarded.
- 5) The Committee reserves the right to alter the award distribution in the event of scoring ties or the submission of less than expected applications. A maximum of eight scholarships will be awarded.

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Screening Process

All applications received by the posted deadline at the City of Miami Beach Office of Community Services will be screened for eligibility. Eligibility screening will be limited to ensure compliance to the following criteria:

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- ◆ Minimum 2.5 Grade Point Average (unweighted)
- ◆ Application completed accurately
- ◆ Two letters of recommendation
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- ◆ Interview by Selection Committee, if selected by Selection Committee
- ◆ If selected to receive scholarship from Centerplate, recipient can choose to complete a paid internship/mentorship with Centerplate within one year of receipt of scholarship.
- ◆ Scholarship awards will be presented at a Miami Beach City Commission meeting.

Selection Committee

The City of Miami Beach Travel & Tourism Selection Committee will be comprised of the following:

- ◆ A representative of Centerplate
- ◆ A representative SMG
- ◆ A representative of the Greater Miami & the Beaches Convention & Visitors Bureau
- ◆ A representative of the City of Miami Beach

Scholarship Application

Applicant Information

Name (please print): _____ Date of Birth: _____
Social Security Number: _____ GPA (unweighted): _____
Address: _____ Apartment#: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Telephone: _____ Alternate Telephone: _____
Residency Status: ☐ US Citizen ☐ US Resident ☐ Valid Student Visa ☐ Other _____
Annual Household Income: \$ _____ # of People in Household: _____
High School: _____ College/University: _____

Please use additional pages, if necessary. Please print.

1) Describe your involvement or interest in the food and hospitality industry.

2) Describe your civic involvement and/or community service history.

3) Describe your education plans including college and major.

4) What impact, if any, will this scholarship have on your education?

Applicant Signature

Date

Please attach the following and submit to the City of Miami Beach Office of Community Services:

- ☐ Certified copy of school transcript or Credit History form
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- ☐ Two letters of recommendation
- ☐ Resume
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- ☐ Additional support material representing community service, internship experience or civic involvement

The scholarship funders reserve the right to change or amend the scholarship program to facilitate equity and fairness for all applicants. The scholarship funders are equal opportunity employers.